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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled

"SOLID STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE AND METHOD OF

FABRICATING THE SAME" Applicant(s): Yasushi Maruyama Attorney Docket No. 09792909-5728

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 21 claims (4 independent), 6 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-7) and the filing fee of \$874.00 on behalf of

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and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

Very truly yours,

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